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STEEL STERLING

MAN OF STEEL

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR!
A SLOGAN THAT HAS NOW BECOME
THE CRY-WORD OF A NATION, BUT
HERE'S THE STORY BEHIND THE
STORY OF PEARL HARBOR.... A
STORY OF STERLING'S VALIANT
EFFORTS TO CHAIN THE DOGS
OF WAR LET LOOSE BY THE
TREACHEROUS JAPS! YOU'LL
NEVER FORGET PEARL
HARBOR AFTER THIS
STORY!

ON THE FATAL DAY OF PEARL
HARBOR STERLING ZIPS IN
FRANTIC HASTE TO THE
HOME OF ITOKI, PREMIER
OF JAPAN...

HE'S
DEAD!

BY
IRVING NUWIK

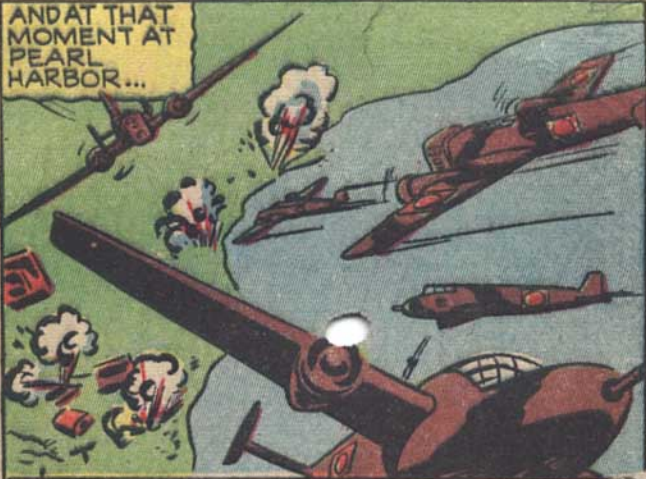
THEN THE
RADIO BLARES
FORTH AN AN-
NOUNCEMENT

PEOPLE OF
JAPAN, I, YOUR
EMPEROR BRING
YOU A MESSAGE
OF WAR! WAR
AGAINST THE
AMERICAN
DOGS!

WE HAVE BEEN TOO PATIENT. THE WORLD SHALL SOON KNOW THE POWER OF THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN. THIS VERY MOMENT OUR AIR FORCE AND FLEET ARE STRIKING! STRIKING AT THE VITALS OF THE U.S.A. --- PEARL HARBOR!



AND AT THAT MOMENT AT PEARL HARBOR...



BUT NOW LET US DRAW THE CURTAIN ON THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO PEARL HARBOR AND GO BACK A FEW DAYS WHEN STEEL STERLING, AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOV'T. IS AT TOKYO AN AMBASSADOR OF GOOD WILL WHILE NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS...

THEN STERLING IS HASTILY SUMMONED TO THE OFFICE OF THE U.S. CONSUL --



STERLING - THERE'S TROUBLE IN THE AIR, I TELL YOU!

I'VE GOTTEN UNDERGROUND INFORMATION THAT THE JAPS ARE PLANNING SOME TREACHERY. IN MY OFFICIAL CAPACITY I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF AMERICANS HERE IN JAPAN, AND IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY WHO SHOULD LEAVE AT ONCE!



THERE'S NO WAY OF GETTING IN TOUCH WITH SOME OF THOSE REMOTE PLACES - SO I'LL HANDLE THEM MYSELF.. CLANCY AND LOONEY CAN BE HELPFUL RIGHT HERE!



YOU BETCHA WE CAN - STEEL!



SURE, IT'LL BE A CINCH!

I HOPE SO... SO LONG!

STREAKING THROUGH THE SKIES
LIKE A METEOR, THE MAN OF
STEEL ZIPS FROM
VILLAGE TO
VILLAGE -



YOU'D BETTER LEAVE THIS
COUNTRY IMMEDIATELY,
REVEREND. BUT SURELY,
IT ISN'T NOBODY
SAFE FOR WOULD
AMERICANS! HARM A
MISSION-
ARY!



I'M AFRAID THESE
JAPS HAVEN'T AS
MUCH RESPECT
FOR THE CLOTH
AS YOU THINK!



AND SOON A MASS
EMIGRATION BEGINS -



- WITH STERLING DOING
THE WORK OF 100 MEN TO
CLEAR THE DANGER
SPOTS AS QUICKLY AS
POSSIBLE - -



WHILE BACK IN TOKYO -



BOY, OBOY,
LOONEY,
TAKE A
LOOK AT
THAT NUM-
BER, WILL
YA ?

WOW, WE
BETTER GIVE
HER OUR PER-
SONAL ATTENT-
ION !



JUST A
MINUTE,
LADY!









HA!... HE WISHES PROOF, EH? HE SHALL SOON HAVE IT - VERY SOON!

A DETAIL OF JAPANESE SOLDIERS ARE IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO THE EVACUATION SHIP--

SPEAK TRUTHFULLY! YOU HAVE A JAPANESE INFANT ON BOARD THIS SHIP?

SURE, HE'S IN STATEROOM NO. 3 - CUTE TYKE, TOO!

HEY! WHAT'S THE IDEA - ARRESTING US? WE DIDN'T DO NUTHIN'!

YA CAN'T DO THIS 'TME - I'M A COP!

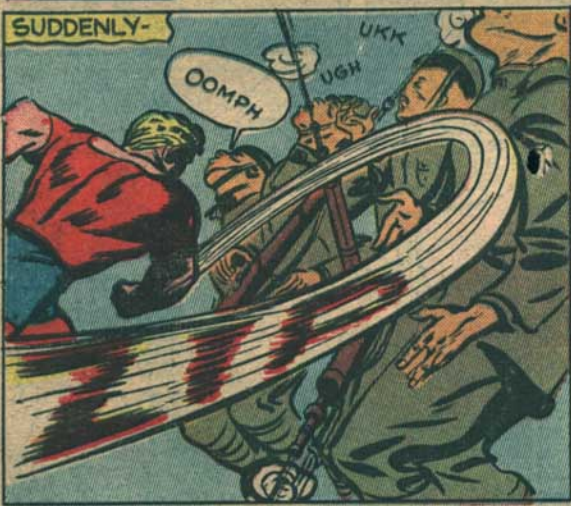
AND SO, YOU SEE, ITOKI, WE CAUGHT THESE AMERICANS RED-HANDED - JUST AS I SAID WE WOULD!

I NEED NO FURTHER PROOF, I'LL SIGN!

MEANWHILE, STEEL STERLING, DONE WITH HIS OWN HERCULEAN TASK, SPEEDS BACK TO TOKYO -

STERLING! I'M GLAD YOU'RE BACK!

AND THEN THEY ARRESTED CLANCY AND LOONEY FOR KID-NAPPING THE PREMIER'S GRAND-SON! WHAT CAN BE BEHIND ALL THIS?



AND THEN THEY TELL US WE
KIDNAPPED PREMIER ITOKI'S
GRANDSON. YA CAN'T TRUST
DAMES IN ANY COUNTRY-
IMAGINE TELLING US
SHE WAS AN AMER-
ICAN-I THINK SHE
WUZ LYING!



WHAT MARVELOUS
DEDUCTION! WELL, HAPPY
VOYAGE, BOYS-SEE YOU
IN AMERICA!

HEY! WHERE
YA GOIN'
STEEL?



NOW TO HAVE A CHAT WITH
PREMIER ITOKI. THERE'S
PLENTY OF FIRE BEHIND
THIS SMOKE-SCREEN. I'LL
GET TO THE BOTTOM OR
BUST A BLOOD VESSEL
TRYING!



PREMIER
ITOKI, I PRE-
SUME!

THE
AMERICAN,
STERLING!



LOOK, PREMIER, JUST
WHAT WAS YOUR GAME
WITH THIS FAKE
KIDNAPPING?

FAKE KID-
NAPPING!
WHY YOU
IMPUDENT
AMERICAN
DOG!



SAY, YOU SOUND
AS THOUGH YOU'RE
IN THE CLEAR AT
THAT...MAYBE
YOU'RE BEING
TAKEN FOR A
SLEIGH-RIDE!

SLEIGH-
RIDE? I
NEVER WAS
ON A
SLEIGH!



NO, I MEAN MY FRIENDS NEVER KID-
NAPPED YOUR GRANDSON. DID IT EVER
OCCUR TO YOU THAT THE WHOLE
THING WAS A
TRICK?

A TRICK?...BY THE
TEETH OF THE DRAGON
IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN
TRICKERY AT THAT!





MAY THE WRATH OF MY FATHERS STRIKE ME DEAD FOR MY STUPIDITY. I HAVE BEEN TRICKED INTO SIGNING A DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST YOUR COUNTRY. WAIT HERE HONORABLE STERLING!



IN A TOWERING RAGE ITOKI MAKES HIS WAY BACK TO THE DIET.



WATANABI! OFFSPRING OF A REPTILE-GIVE ME THAT DOCUMENT I SIGNED!



GIVE IT TO ME, OR I LET OUR PEOPLE KNOW OF YOUR TREACHERY!



THAT, ESTEEMED PREMIER, IS THE FATE OF ALL WHO DARE CROSS OUR PATHS! MAY YOUR TONGUE-WAGGING FALL ON THE DEMONS FOR ALL ETERNITY!



I WONDER WHAT'S KEEPING THE PREMIER? HE SHOULD HAVE RETURNED A LONG WHILE AGO!



I BETTER TAKE A RUN OVER TO THE DIET MYSELF AND SEE WHAT'S WHAT





IF ANYBODY CAN PREVENT A WAR, ITOKI CAN, AND PRAY HEAVEN HE'LL SUCCEED!



GREAT GHOSTS! HE'S DEAD!



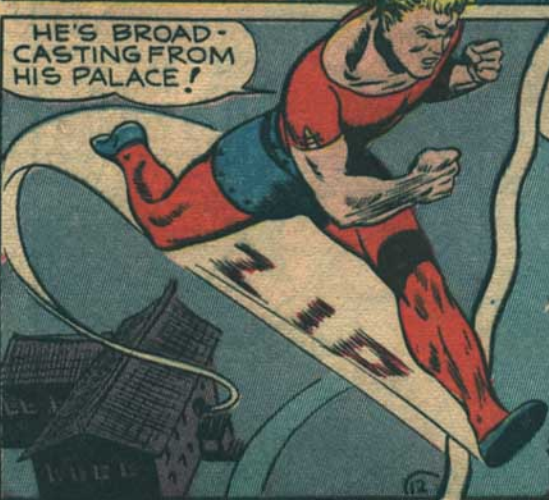
KNIFED IN THE BACK BY HIS OWN COUNTRYMEN... POOR ITOKI - HE GOT HIS WISH ALL RIGHT ONLY IT WASN'T THE WRATH OF HIS ANCESTORS THAT KILLED HIM. IT WAS DOUBLE-CROSSING SLANT-EYED RATS WHO WOULD STOOP TO ANYTHING!



AND SO, PEOPLE OF JAPAN, TRUST ME, YOUR EMPEROR, BLINDLY AND FAITHFULLY. I AM THE SOUL OF OUR COUNTRY!



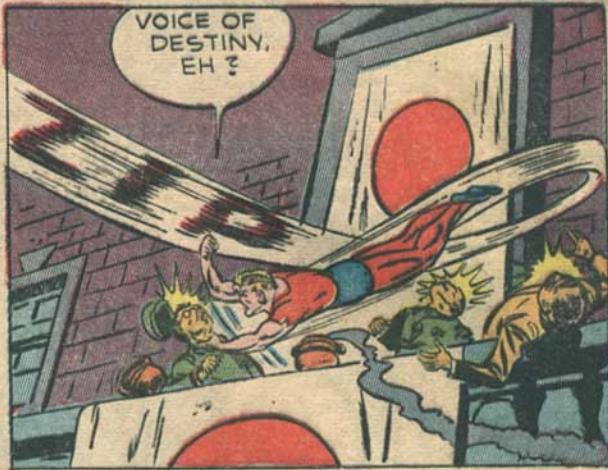
YOU MAY BE THE SOUL TO YOUR COUNTRY BUT YOU'RE THE HEEL TO MINE AND I'M GOING TO TELL YOU OFF PERSONALLY!



HE'S BROADCASTING FROM HIS PALACE!



REMEMBER, MY PEOPLE, I SHALL GUIDE YOU TO INEVITABLE VICTORY-AND GLORY!



MORE
THRILLING
ADVENTURES
WITH STEEL
STERLING
IN NEXT
MONTH'S
ZIP
COMICS!
REMEMBER
PEARL
HARBOR!

THERE GOES
THE CURTAIN
ON TOP NOTCH'S
SENSATIONAL
NEW CHARACTER,
STEEL!

YES,
HANGMAN!...
THE ONE THAT
THE BLACK
HOOD'S BEEN
RAVING ABOUT
FOR WEEKS!
BOY, IF HE'S
HALF AS GOOD
AS THEY SAY,
WE'RE IN FOR
A GOOD
SHOW!

SENSATIONAL! SPECTACULAR!

THE

WHO

YOU ARE IN FOR THE

OKAY
HOLD
YOUR
BREATH,
BLACK
JACK
HERE IT
COMES!

IT'S HIGH
TIME, **HOOD**..
BOY, YOU SURE
CAN KEEP A
SECRET! NOW,
I'LL FINALLY
FIND OUT ALL
ABOUT THE
WEB!

WHO IS THE WEB?
WHAT IS THE WEB?
YOU'LL GET THE
ANSWERS IN
JULY TOP NOTCH!
DON'T SAY WE
DIDN'T WARN YOU!

"THE WEB" appears in **JULY** Topnotch

NEW! DIFFERENT!!!
WEB
IS HE??
SHOCK OF YOUR LIFE!

ROY'S BEEN
SINGING THIS NEW
CHARACTER'S PRAISES
LONG AND LOUD,
SHIELD!

SO HAS THE
WIZARD AND
THAT GUY HASN'T
STEERED ME WRONG,
YET! WE'RE IN FOR A
GREAT SHOW!

OKAY,
WIZARD,
RING UP THE
CURTAIN-AND
LET 'ER
RIP!

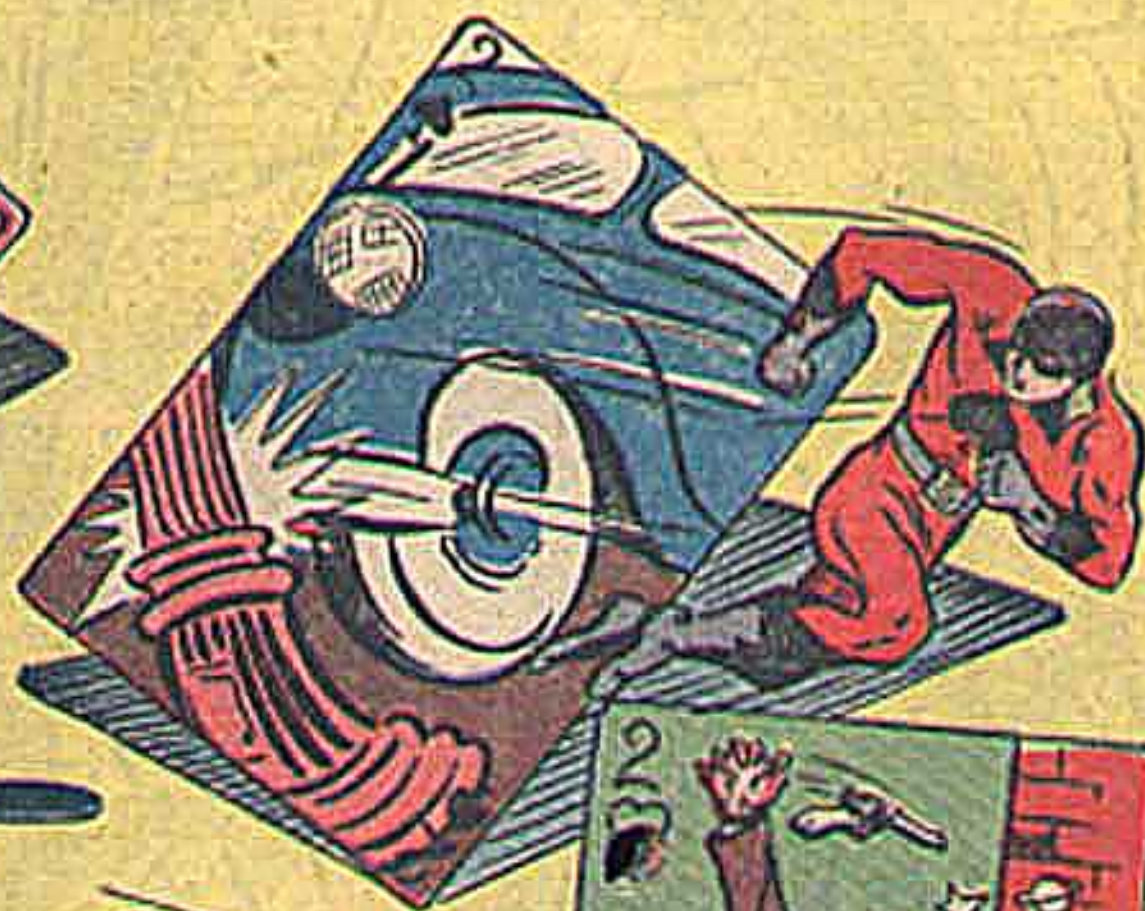
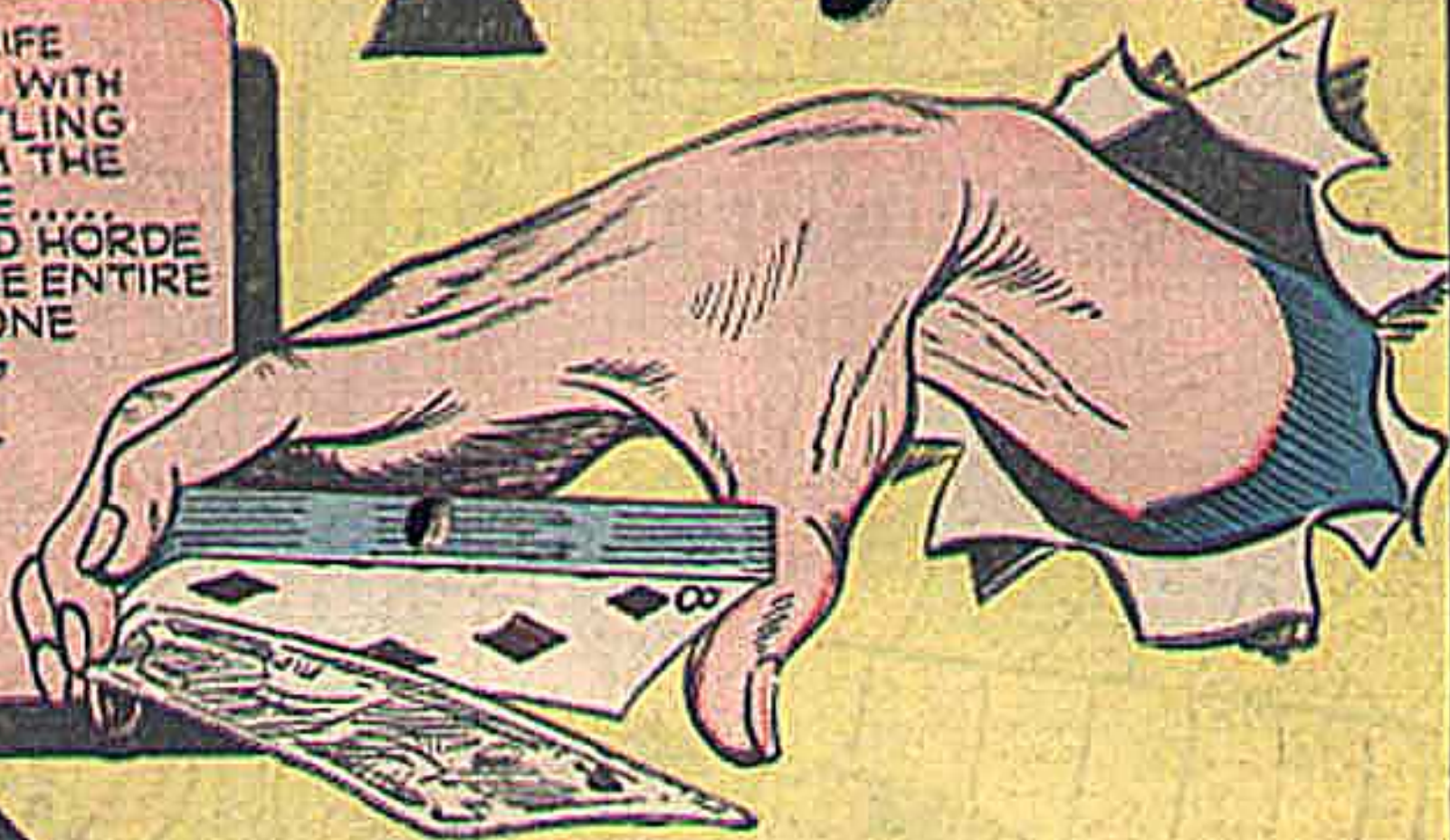
WE PREDICT
THAT THE
WEB WILL
TAKE THE
NATION BY
STORM!
A NEW
HIGH IN
COMIC EN-
TERTAIN-
MENT!

THE WEB appears in **JULY Topnotch**

BLACK JACK

VERSUS "DEUCES" WILDE

LA WLESNESS RUNS RIFE THROUGHOUT THE CITY WITH A SINGLE FIGURE BATTLING HEROICALLY TO STEM THE TIDE. ONE LONE FIGURE ... AGAINST AN ORGANIZED HORDE THAT HAS BAFFLED THE ENTIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT. ONE LONE FIGURE STAKING HIS LIFE IN A GAMBLE AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS - WHERE THE CARDS ARE STACKED AND THE DEUCES WILD. AND THAT FIGURE ... BLACK JACK!



OUR STORY OPENS WITH A SLEEK,
EXPENSIVE CAR DARTING INTO
A SEEMINGLY BLIND ALLEY -



IT WAS MADNESS FOR
DEUCES WILDE TO SEND
YOU TO MY HOUSE!

CLAM
UP! WE'RE
BOTH TAKING
ORDERS FROM
DEUCE!



AND PERCHED ATOP THE
CAR - BLACK JACK -

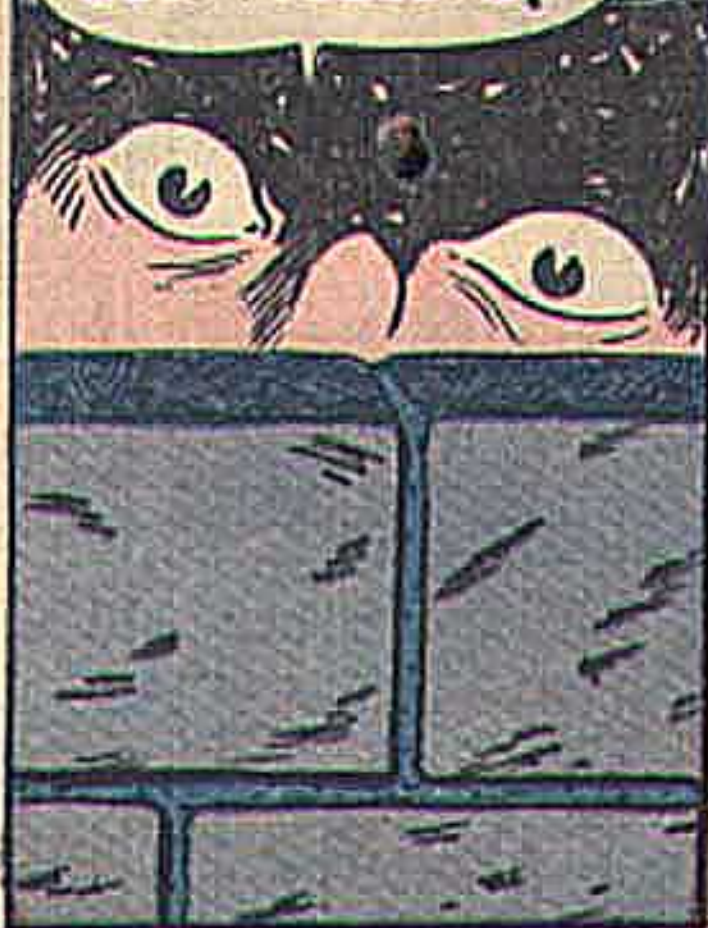
HMM! WM. KENT,
PRESIDENT OF THE
CITY COUNCIL TAKING
ORDERS FROM
WILDE - VERY
INTERESTING!



A KNOCK ON THE BARE,
BRICK WALL BRINGS
CURIOUS RESULTS -



OH, IT'S YOU, SPIKE -
JUST A SECOND!



A PORTION OF THE BRICK
WALL SLIDES BACK AND
THE DUO ENTER -



WHILE IN THE CAR -

NOT A BAD JOB
DEUCES GAVE ME -
PLAYING CHAUFFEUR
TO KENT!



SUDDENLY -



DRAGGING THE UN-
CONSCIOUS CHAUF-
FEUR ALONG BLACK
JACK RAPS ON
THE WALL -









I'M SORRY BUT IT'S ALL OVER. HE'S PASSED AWAY!



MEANWHILE IN KENT'S APARTMENT -

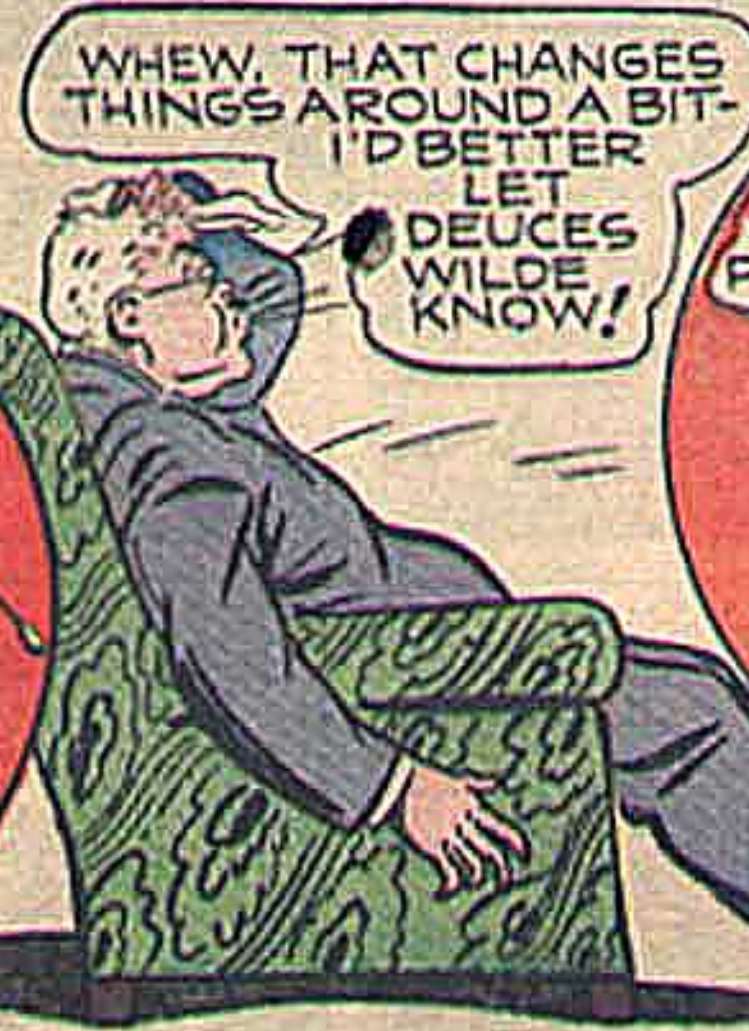
I HAVEN'T A MINUTE TO LOSE. THE POLICE MAY BE HERE ANY MOMENT - THE PHONE! WHO - WHO CAN THAT BE?



Y-Y-YES. THIS IS KENT SPEAKING! WHAT IS IT? THE MAYOR?... WH-WHAT ABOUT THE MAYOR?



WHAT'S THAT? HE'S DEAD AND I'M THE NEW MAYOR--HOW--WHAT---



WHEW, THAT CHANGES THINGS AROUND A BIT. I'D BETTER LET DEUCES WILDE KNOW!



AT DEUCE'S PLACE -

SAY THAT'S GREAT. NOW WE'RE SITTING PRETTY!



ALL YOU'VE GOTTA DO IS GET OUT A WARRANT FOR BLACK JACK'S ARREST AND THAT PUTS HIM ON ICE. HE HASN'T GOT A CHANCE!



DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE CHARGE. I'VE STILL GOT THAT GUN WITH HIS FINGER-PRINTS ON IT. IT'S ALL WE NEED! BLACK JACK'S GONNA HAVE A MURDER RAP PINNED ON HIM!



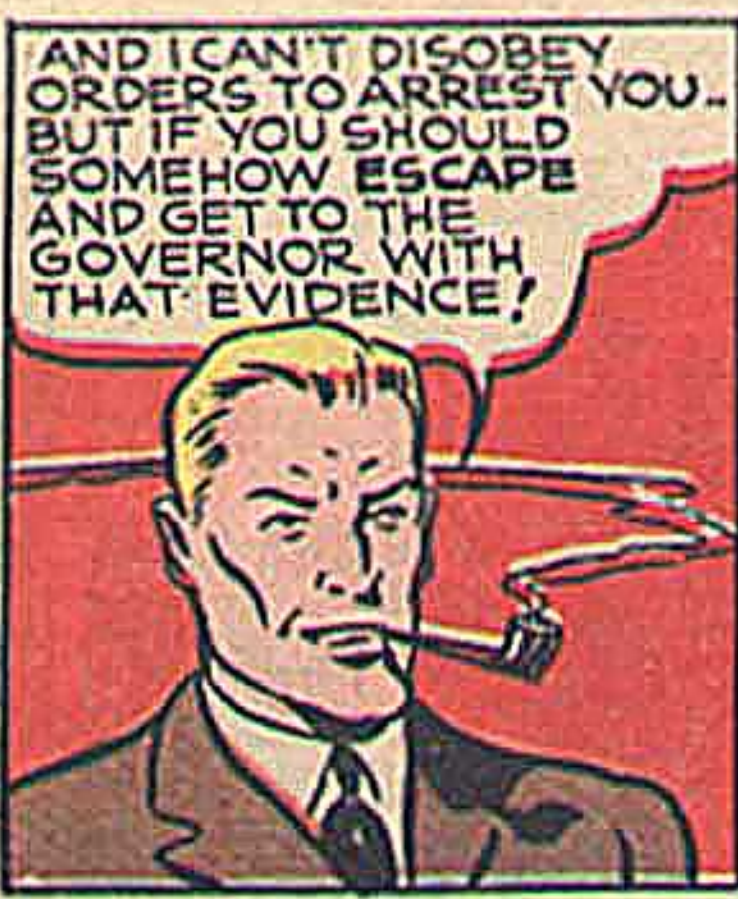
OKAY - MUGGSY - THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO REALLY DO ME A FAVOR!

WAIT-BOSS!





WHAT A CRAZY SET-UP! WHO'S GOING TO ARREST KENT? HE'S GOT THE WHOLE TOWN SEWED UP. HE'S EVEN GOT A MURDER CHARGE ON YOU!



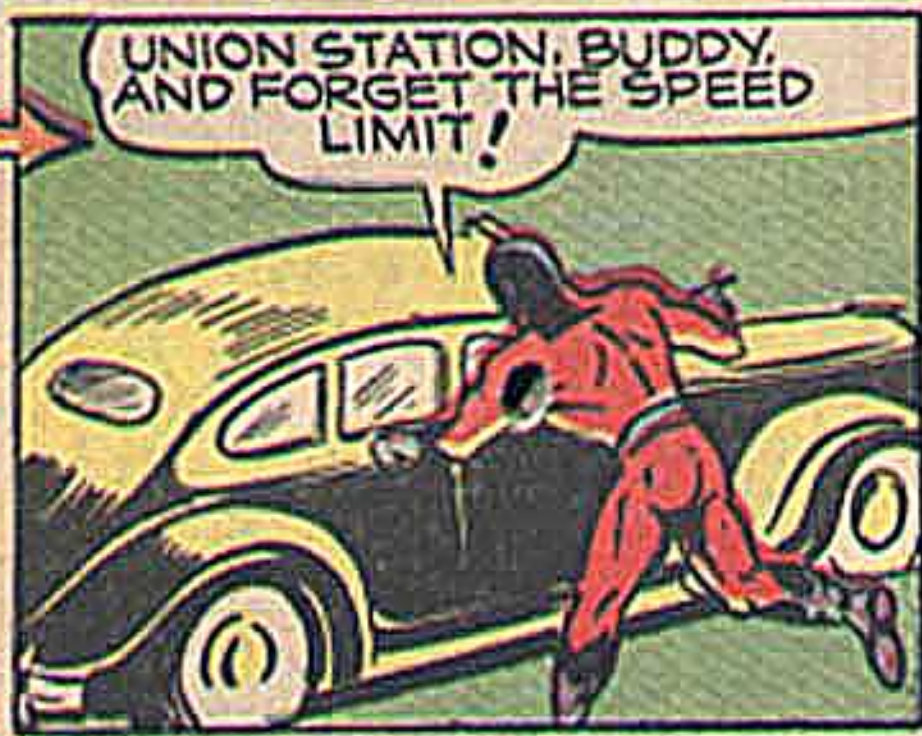
AND I CAN'T DISOBEY ORDERS TO ARREST YOU.. BUT IF YOU SHOULD SOMEHOW ESCAPE AND GET TO THE GOVERNOR WITH THAT EVIDENCE!



THANKS, COMMISSIONER!



THE WHOLE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE SEARCHING FOR ME. I'VE GOT TO WORK FAST!



UNION STATION, BUDDY, AND FORGET THE SPEED LIMIT!

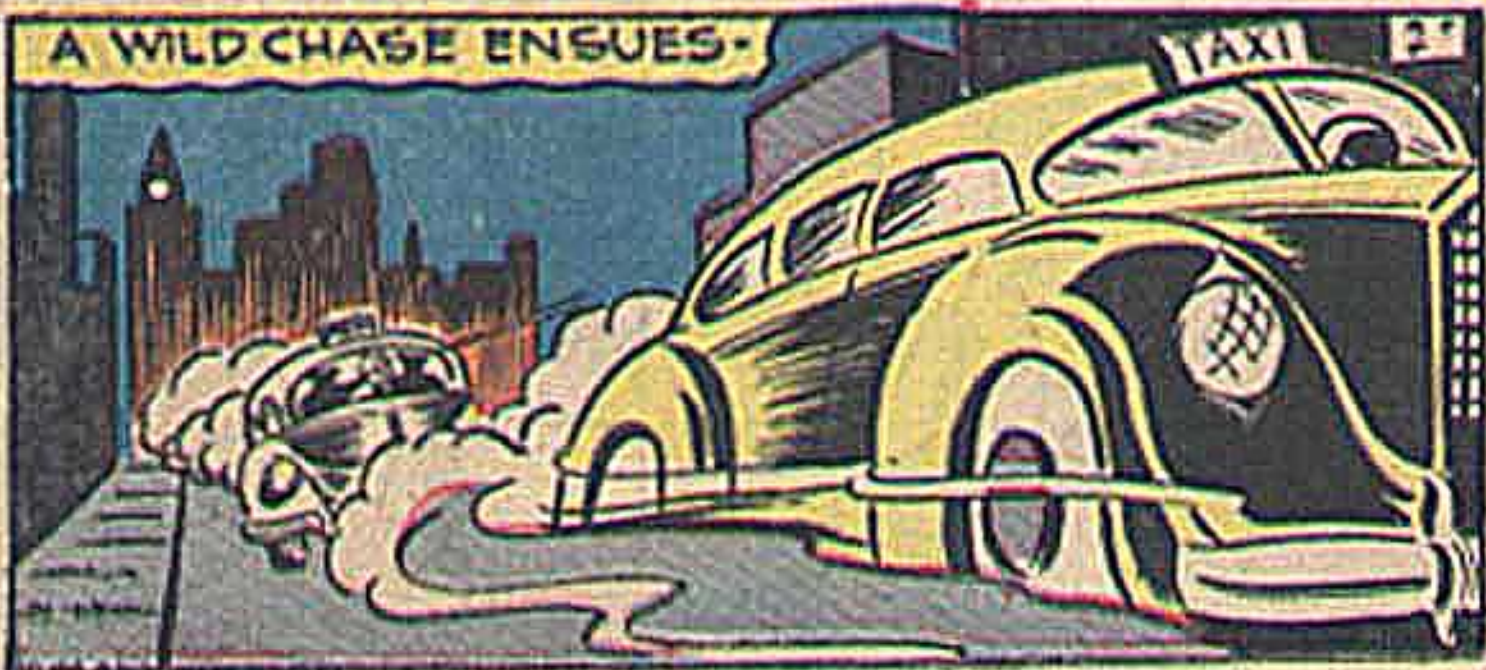


A POLICE CAR SPOTS BLACK JACK



ULP!

STEP ASIDE, BUDDY. I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO MAKE THIS PEANUT-STAND WHISTLE!



A WILD CHASE ENSUES-

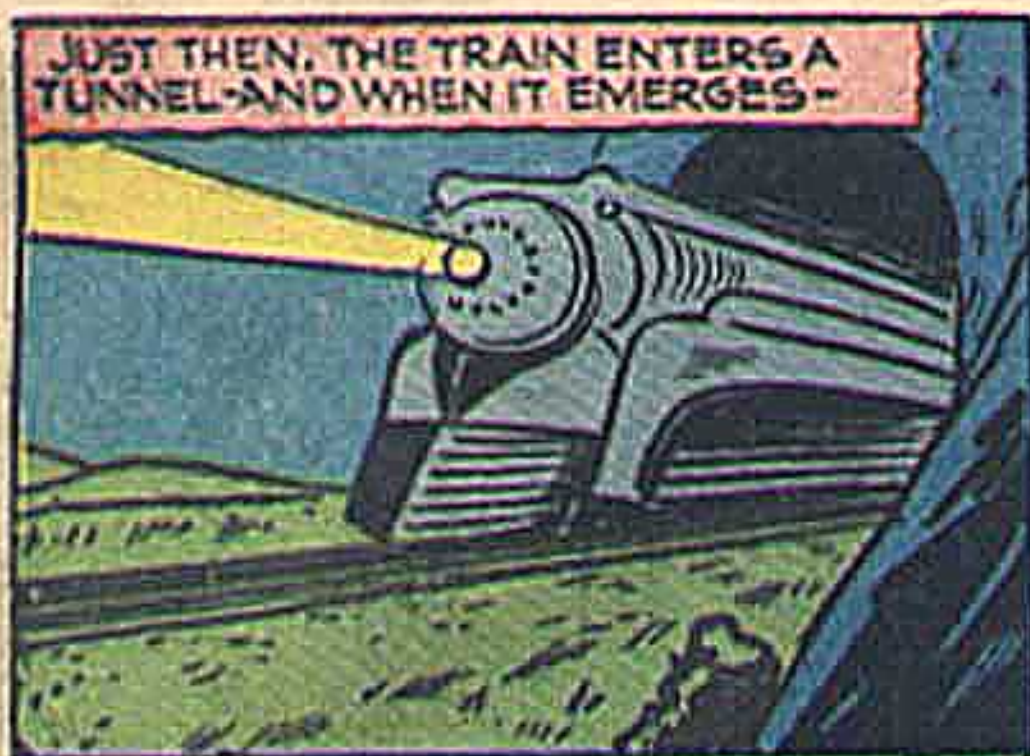


BLACK JACK SUDDENLY DARTS INTO A SIDE STREET-









THEY HAVEN'T CAUGHT BLACK JACK YET... AND I WON'T FEEL SAFE UNTIL THEY DO! THAT MAN'S GOT ME FRIGHTENED!



STOP WORRYING, KENT. WE'RE SAFE NOW.. NO BODY IN THE WORLD CAN TOUCH US! NOT WHILE YOU'RE THE MAYOR!



MR. KENT, THE POLICE COMMISSIONER IS HERE AND BLACK JACK IS WITH HIM!



THEN THEY GOT HIM AT LAST!

GET BEHIND THAT DRAPE, WILDE! I DON'T WANT THE COMMISSIONER TO SEE YOU!



WELCOME, COMMISSIONER! I SEE YOU'VE CAUGHT UP WITH THE SCOUNDREL... GOOD WORK!



ALL RIGHT, MEN - ARREST HIM!

UH - WHAT'S THIS? YOU CAN'T ARREST ME I'M THE MAYOR OF THIS CITY!

AND THESE MEN ARE SPECIAL DEPUTIES FROM THE GOVERNOR, KENT. BLACK JACK HAS PUT YOUR LITTLE GAME ON ICE - FOR KEEPS!

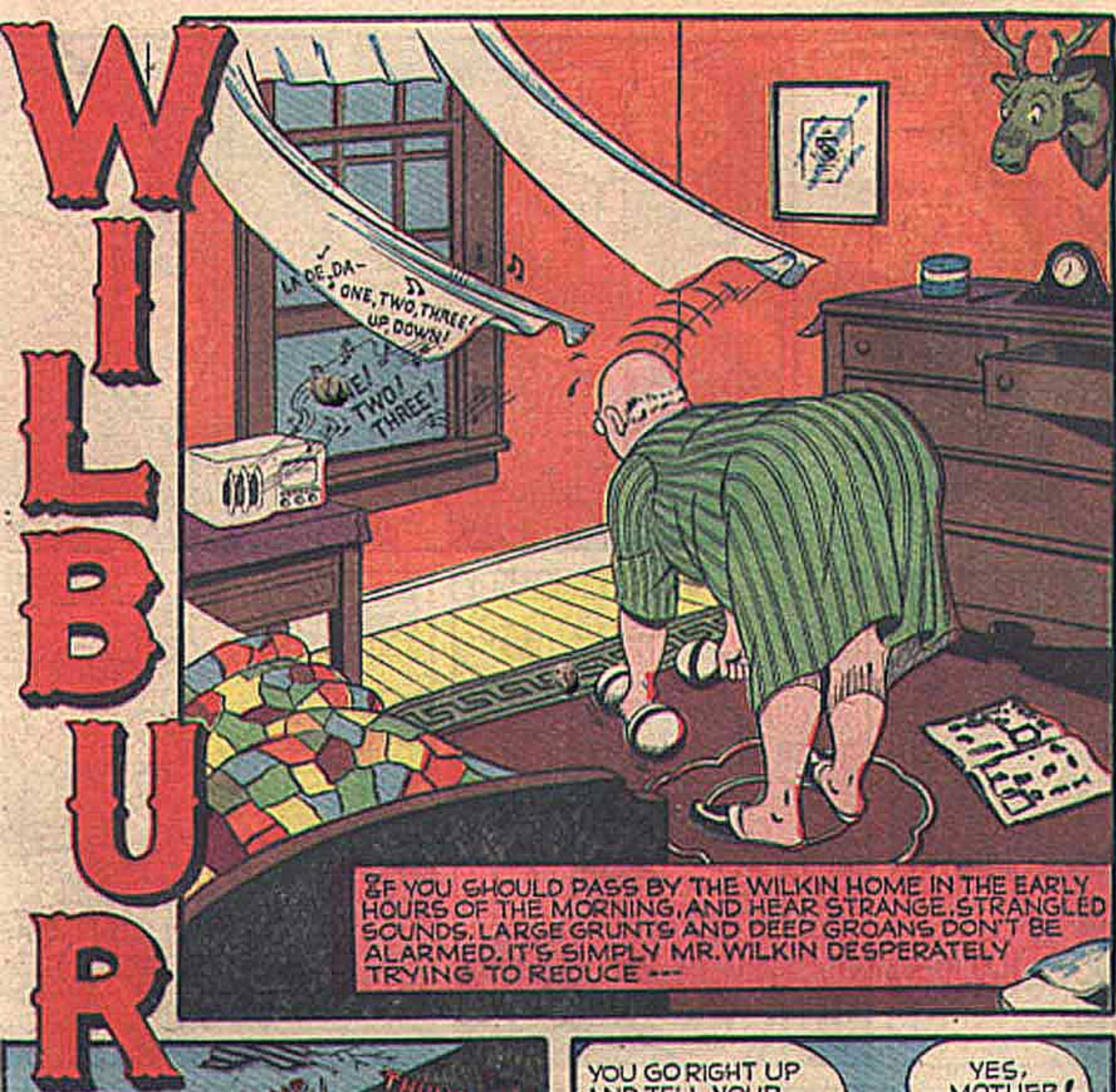


A PAIR OF FEET BEHIND THAT CURTAIN, AND I THINK I KNOW THE HEEL THAT'S STANDING ON THEM!

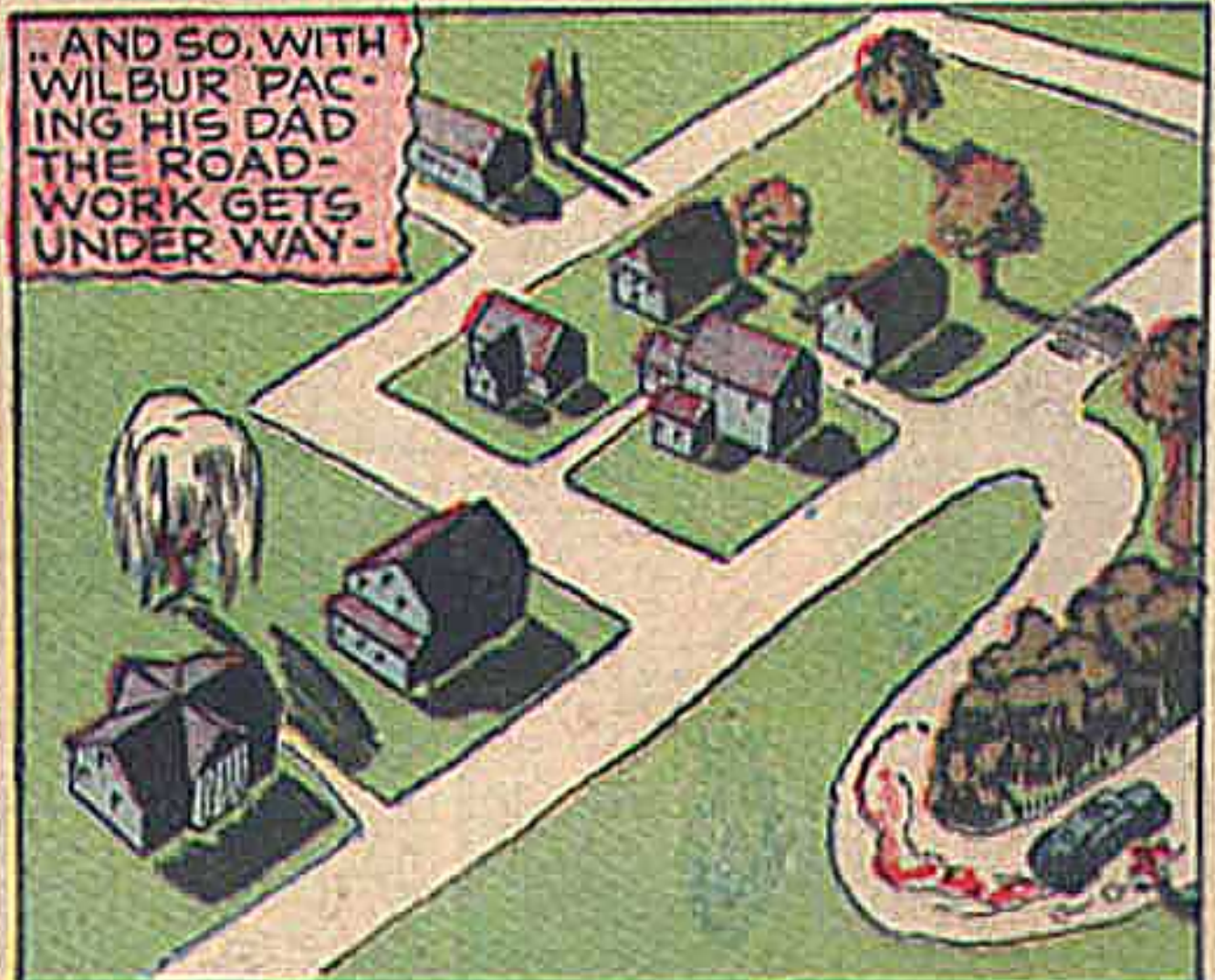
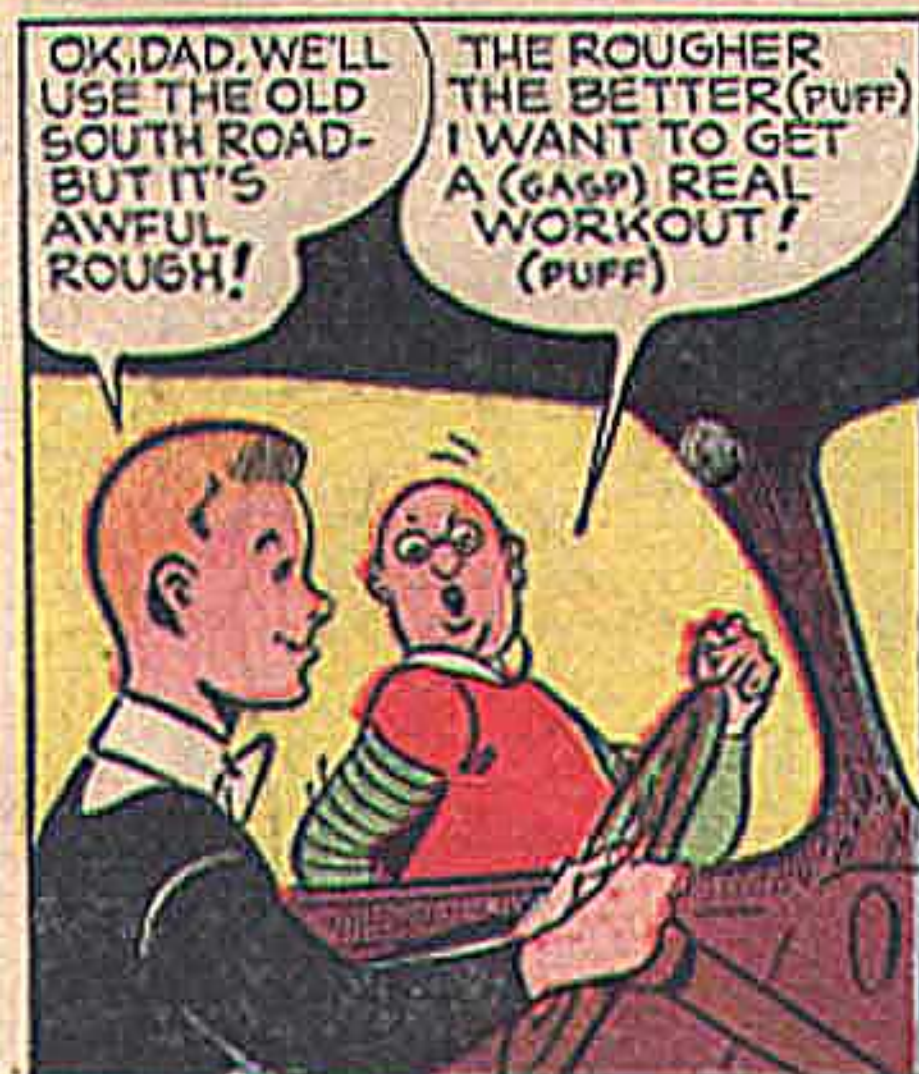




BLACK JACK APPEARS ONLY IN ZIP COMICS







AND SO MR WILKIN TAKES
HIS ROAD WORK THE HARD
WAY-



(PUFF) WILBURR! STOP!
(GASP) TH-THAT'S
ENOUGH FOR ONE
DAY (WHEEZE) M...MY
FEET ARE KILLING
ME! (PUFF)



OKAY,
DAD!
HOP
IN!

I I DON'T
WANT TO
RUN FROM
COAST TO
COAST! LET'S
START BACK!



I WAS NEVER
SO EXHAUSTED
IN MY LIFE!
(GASP)



WELL,
IT'LL BE
A LOT
EASIER
GOING
BACK,
DAD!

HEY... SHE
WON'T
START!



WILBUR, THIS IS NO
TIME FOR JOKING!

BUT I'M NOT
JOKING, DAD!
THE MOTOR'S
DEAD!



GREAT CLOUDS OF
BRIMSTONE! IT'S
DEAD ALL RIGHT!



AND AS DUGG GETTLES
OVER WESTFIELD-

ONLY FOUR
MORE
MILES TO
GO, DAD!

OWOO! MY FEET
ARE KILLING ME!



WILBUR,
I'M STARVED!
WONDER
WHERE
YOUR
MOTHER
IS T OH,
MARY!

LOOK,
DAD, A
NOTE!



Dear Robert -
Virginia and I went to
the movies. There's cold
chicken in the Frigidaire
for you and Wilbur.
And in case you're still
serious about reducing,
there's a big surprise
for you in your bed-
room.

Mary

BLESS ME!
YOUR MOTHER
BOUGHT ME
A REDUCING
MACHINE!

BOY,
IT SURE
IS SNAZZY!

YES-AND ALSO
SENSIBLE. I
SHOULD HAVE
THOUGHT OF THIS
MYSELF!

WELL,
ROAD-WORK
HAS ITS
ADVANTAGES
TOO, DAD!

AH! THIS IS THE LIFE!
SO RESTFUL. JUST LIKE
A TURKISH BATH! I'LL
REDUCE IN NO TIME,
NOW!

WILBUR,
THE DOOR-
BELL'S
RINGING!

I'LL
ANSWER
IT!

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT,
TAKE IT EASY- I'M
COMING!

HIYA,
EDDIE!
WHAT'S
UP?

PULLENTY!
C'MON OUT
AND SEE
FOR YOUR-
SELF!

THIS IS ROSE MARIE.
WILBUR! SHE JUST MOVED
INTO TOWN!

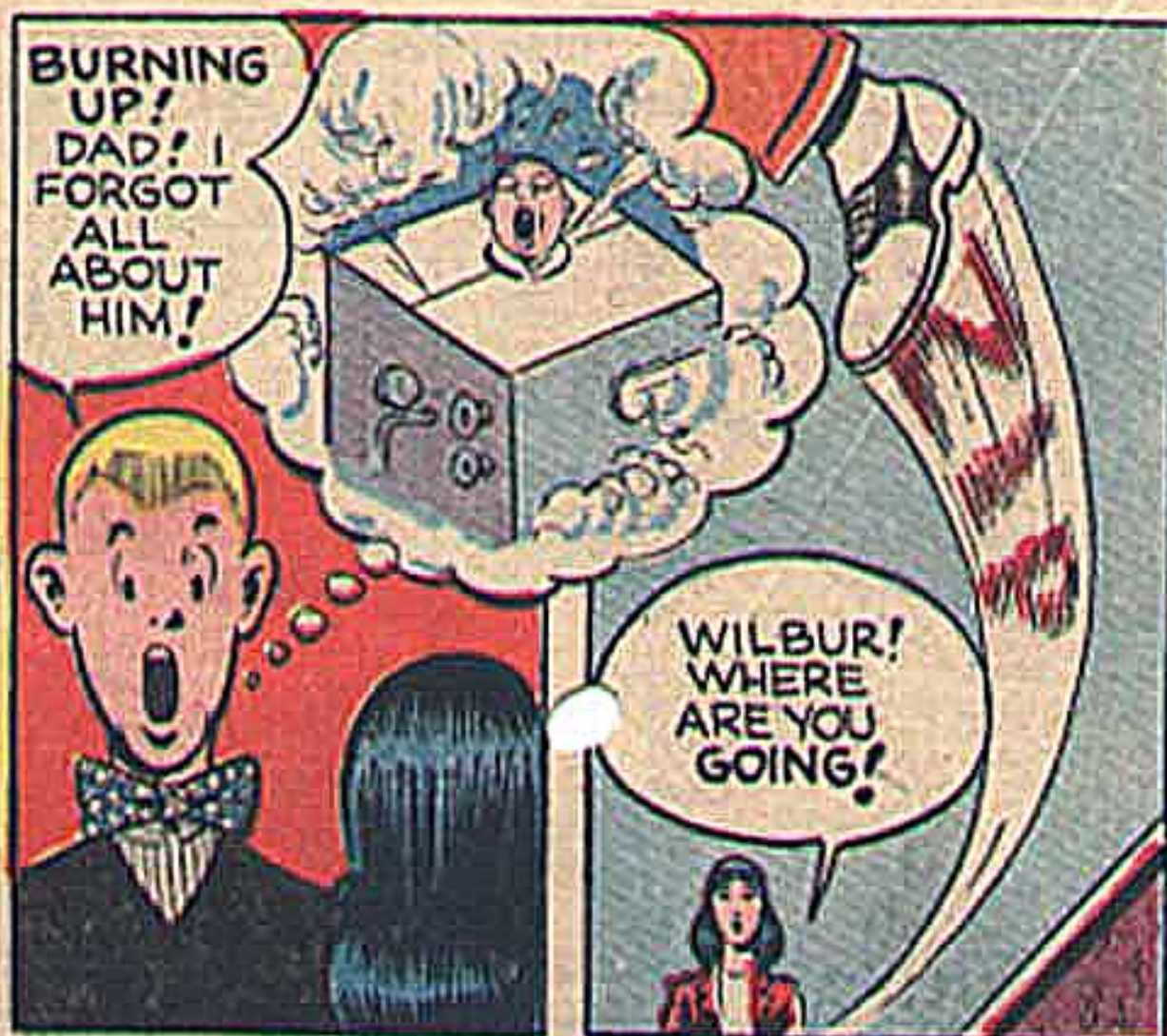
HELLO,
WILBUR!

(GULP) HIYA,
ROSE
MARIE!

TEN MINUTES LATER-

BOY, YOU'RE SURE A
KEEN NUMBER,
ROSE MARIE!

TEE HEE -
YOU'RE CUTE
TOO, WILBUR!
LET'S
DANCE



CAPTAIN

VALOR

OF THE
UNITED STATES
MARINES



ONE PEACEFUL NIGHT, HE
IS WALKING ALONG THE
BEACH FRONT

BABY
WHAT
COUNTRY!
THIS IS FOR
ME ALRIGHT!

CAPTAIN VALOR HAS
BEEN TRANSFERRED
FROM ICELAND TO
HAWAII, AMERICAN
TINDERBOX. THIS
RED-BLOODED, RUG-
GED MARINE IS
SPOILING FOR ACTION,
AND HE DOES NOT
HAVE TO WAIT LONG--
FOR, POISED, JUST BE-
YOND THE HORIZON,
IS AN AIRPLANE CAR-
RIER, READY TO COM-
MIT AN ACT OF
TREACHERY WHICH
WILL LONG BE RE-
MEMBERED IN THE
ANNALS OF INFAMY.

SUDDENLY

HOLY
CROCK-EYE!



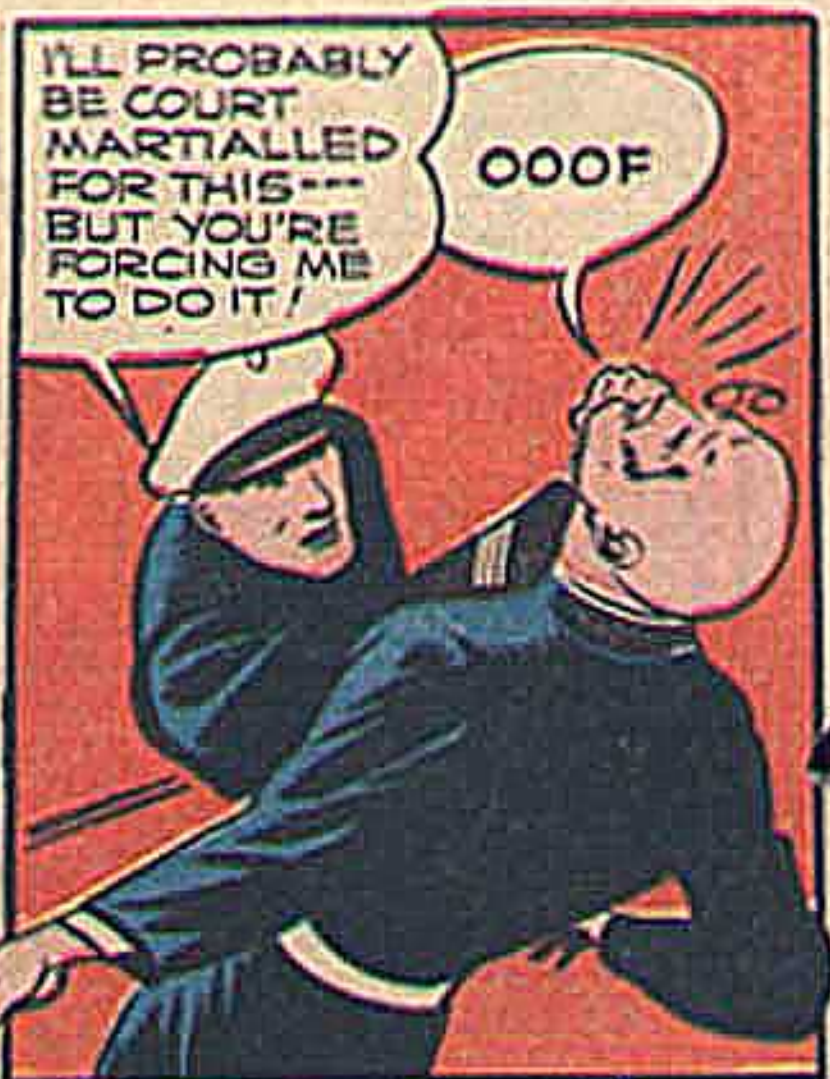






ORDERLY, HAVE CAPTAIN VALOR CONFINED TO HIS QUARTERS!

(GULP) WHO ME?



I'LL PROBABLY BE COURT MARTIALED FOR THIS--- BUT YOU'RE FORCING ME TO DO IT!

OOOF



HEY, YOU CAN'T HIT THE COLONEL!



CLAM UP AND COME WITH ME EGG HEAD!



YOU'RE IN THIS WITH ME!

WHERE ARE WE GOIN'?



HEY BUDDY! SOUND THE ALARM, HURRY!

SORRY FRIEND, MY ORDERS COME FROM THE COLONEL!



GREAT JUPITER!---- WHAT A SPOT!---- THOSE BOMBERS MAY BE HERE ANY MOMENT!---- I'VE GOT TO GET AN ALARM SOUNDED--- WELL, I'LL TRY ONCE MORE!



KNOCK OFF, WILL YA LEATHER-NECK! NEXT TIME SAVE ME A DRINK OF THE SAME STUFF!

BUT!



WHAT'LL WE DO NOW, CAP?

I'VE GOT IT, THAT FIRE ALARM BOX!



SEE THAT GRASS, ROOF-ED SHACK, WE'LL GO DOWN AND BZZZZZZ!

GOTCHA-CAP!



AS GOOP HURRIES OFF, VALOR DASHES TO A NEAR-BY FIRE ALARM BOX.



AND RINGS THE ALARM.



A FEW MOMENTS LATER

WHIRRRR

THE BRAVE FIRE LADDIES RUSH TO THE BURNING BUILDING---



THERE IT IS!



---AND FIND

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG!

WHAT THE DEVIL ARE YOU DOING?



JUST HAVIN' A HOT TIME FOR MYSELF! SO LONG SUCKERS!

HEY!

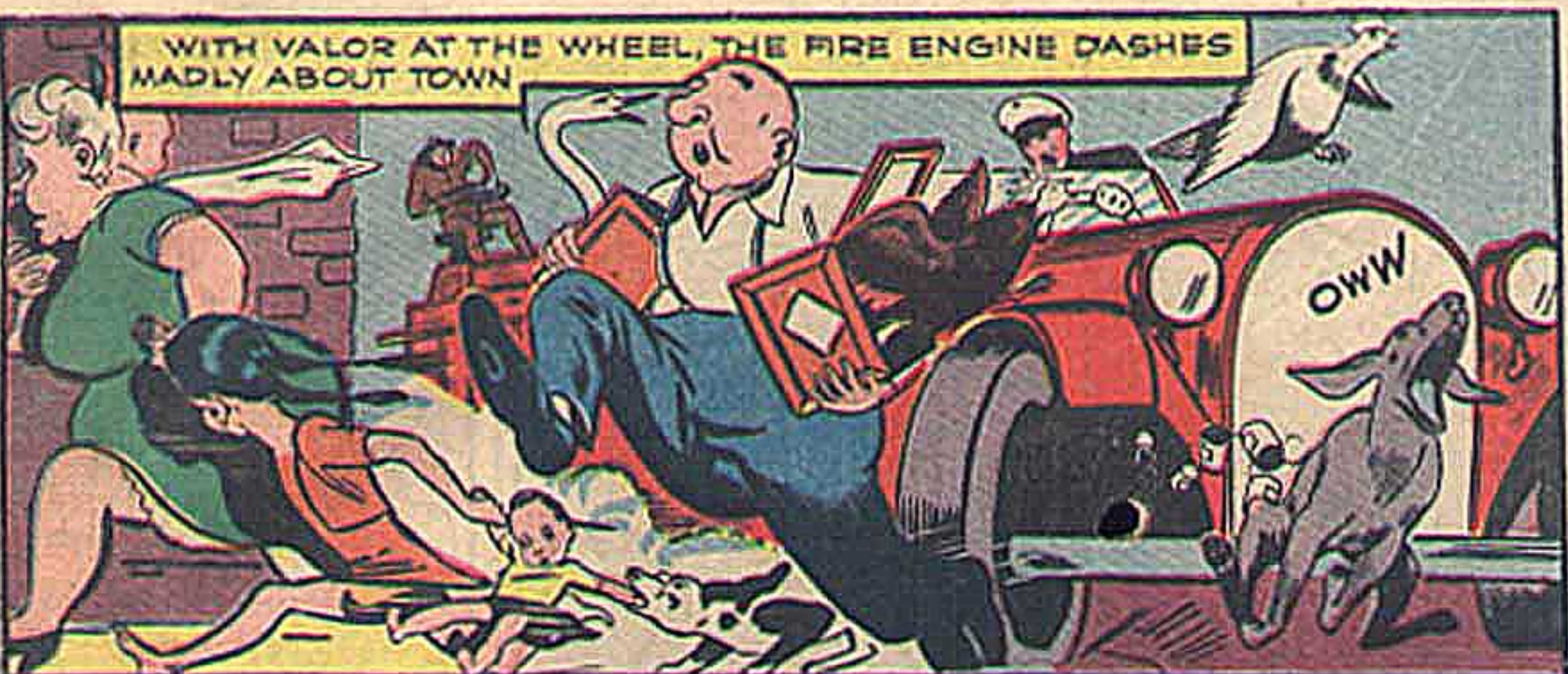


WHILE OUTSIDE

HANG ON, GOOP!

LET'ER RIP, CAP!

WITH VALOR AT THE WHEEL, THE FIRE ENGINE DASHES MADLY ABOUT TOWN



SOUNDING THE SIGNAL FOR THE AIR RAID ALARM.



THAT'S THE AIR RAID SIGNAL, SOUND OFF, HURRY!

YES SIR!



INSTANTLY THE ISLAND BECOMES A BEE HIVE, AS MEN RUSH TO THEIR DEFENSE POSTS!



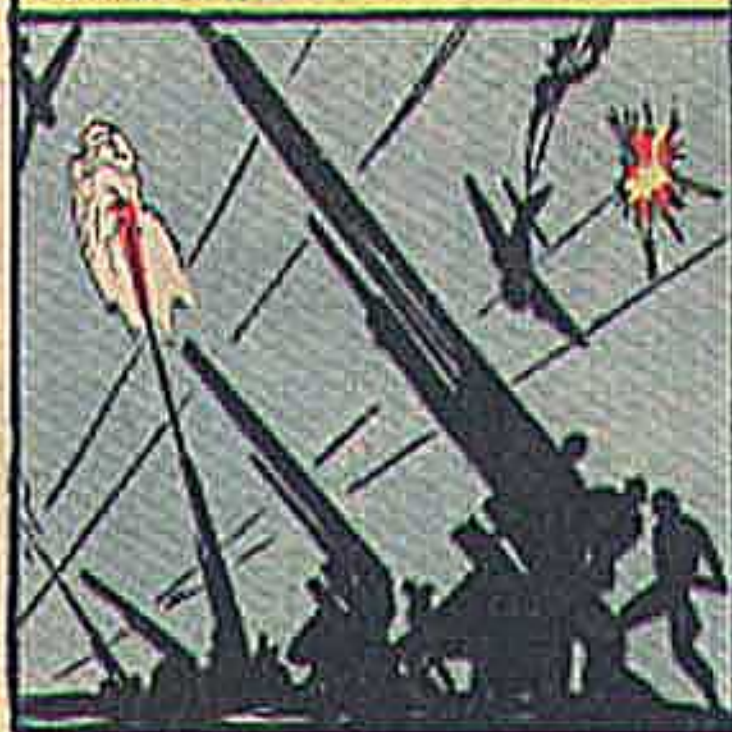
THEN, ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, COMES A GRIM SWARM OF ENEMY FIGHTER PLANES!





THE ENEMY BOMBERS
DROP THEIR EGGS OF
DESTRUCTION.

HOWEVER, THE BRAVE
DEFENDERS STRIKE
BACK WITH TELLING
EFFECT---



AND SOON AMERICAN
PURSUIT PLANES ARE
IN THE AIR, PUTTING
THEIR FOE TO ROUT!



LATER AT HEADQUARTERS--

CAPTAIN VALOR, YOUR
QUICK THINKING IN THIS
TIME OF EMERGENCY
HELPED SAVE MANY
LIVES, AND WERE
VERY PROUD OF YOU!
HOWEVER, DESPITE
THE CIRCUMSTANCES--



STRIKING A SUPERIOR
OFFICER CAN NEVER
BE TOLERATED WITHOUT
SUITABLE PUNISHMENT.
IN YOUR CASE WE CAN
BE LENIENT AND MERELY
DEMOTE
YOU TO RANK
OF SERGEANT!



YES
SIR!

BUT CONFI-
DENTIALLY
VALOR, YOU
SHOULD HAVE
SOCKED ME
AGAIN, I DE-
SERVED IT.



MEANWHILE,
GOOP UN-
ABLE TO
RESIST
LET'S FLY---



THAT LUMMOX!
I WONDER,---I'LL
SOON FIND OUT!



AND OH, I FOR-
GOT TO TELL YOU
THAT I THINK
YOU'RE OKAY
TOO, GOOP!



SLAP

GULP!

GULP! I
SWALLOWED
MY BEEBES!



HA
HA


HA
HA

STORIES OF The BLACK WITCH...



SO-MY CURIOUS
FRIEND-YOUR
SNOOPING GOT
YOU STUCK EH...
HEH HEH.

IN THE EERIE GLOW
OF THE FIRES EMBERS
A STRANGE TALE IS
TOLD BY THE BLACK
WITCH. A TALE OF
DEATH AND HORROR.
THE STORY OF THE
BLACK CAT OF
DOOM.



I KNOW A STORY ABOUT
ANOTHER CAT WHO GOT
STUCK INSIDE A WALL!
MAYBE IT WILL
INTEREST YOU-
HEH, HEH
HEH.

MY STORY STARTS IN A SMALL TOWN, WHERE A CRIPPLED WOMAN IS STROKING HER LARGE BLACK CAT!



HULLO SHWEEHEART, GLAD TO SHEE ME!



GET OFFA ME YA CONFOUNDED NUISANCE!

JED, DON'T YOU DRUNKEN FOOL!



ARE YOU ALRIGHT BLACKY? DID HE HURT YOU?

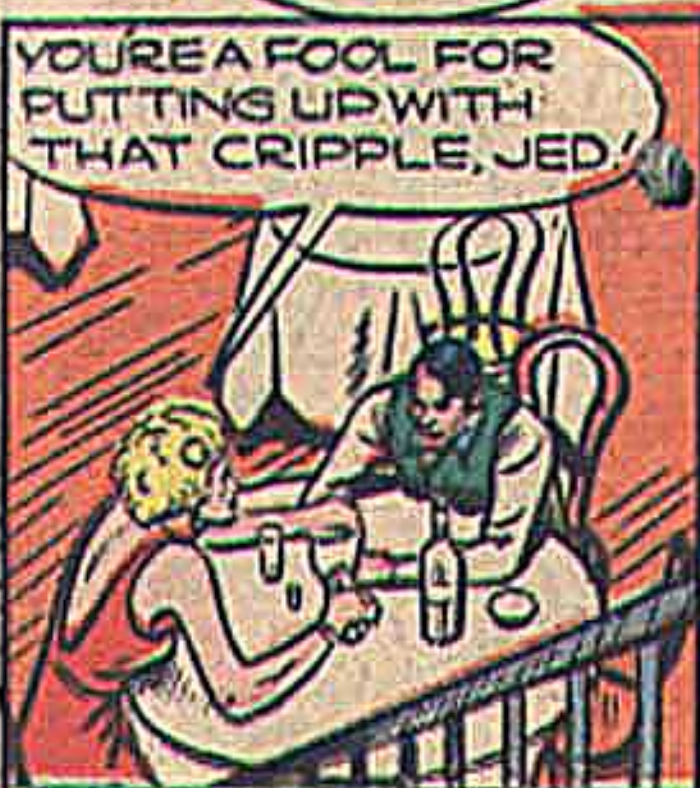
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THAT CURSED CAT! I'M WARNING YOU! GET RID OF HIM!



DON'T WORRY BLACKY, YOU'RE THE ONLY FRIEND I'VE GOT! I'LL PROTECT YOU!



YOU'RE A FOOL FOR PUTTING UP WITH THAT CRIPPLE, JED!



WHY DON'T YOU GET RID OF HER! THEN WE CAN GET MARRIED.



I'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHIN' I'M SICK OF BEIN' TIED DOWN TO HER AND THAT CAT!



LATER

WHAT THE! WHAT WAS THAT?



THAT BLACK DEVIL OF A CAT!



I'LL GET RID OF HIM ONCE AND FOR ALL!

JED! JED! STOP!



LET GO OF ME!

DON'T YOU FOOL! YOU'RE DRUNK. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!



I TOLD YOU TO LET GO! MAYBE THIS'LL STOP YOU!



MY GOD I'VE KILLED HER! WHAT'LL I DO!



I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT! SHE MADE ME ANGRY. I WAS BLIND WITH RAGE!



I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF HER, SO NO ONE FINDS OUT ABOUT THIS!



I'VE GOT IT! THE WALL!









NOTHING DOWN HERE!

EVERYTHING SEEMS OKAY!



SEE I TOLD YA!



JUST THEN AS THE POLICE ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE A STRANGE MUFFLED SOUND IS HEARD.

WHAT'S THAT?

IT CAME FROM IN THERE! SOUNDS LIKE A CAT!



DON'T DO IT I TELL YA. YOU WON'T FIND ANYTHING THERE! YOU'RE CRAZY!



AS THE WALL IS RIPPED OPEN, THE BODY FALLS OUT, AND THERE PERCHED ON ITS HEAD IS THE BLACK CAT!

MEOWRR



THAT CAT'S BEWITCHED I TELL YA. HOW'D IT GET IN THERE!



TAKE ME AWAY FROM IT. IT'S THE DEVIL HIMSELF, I KNOW IT!



BEWITCHED, EH? THE DEVIL, HM? PERHAPS HE'S RIGHT!

War Eagles

the devil's flying twins

TIM AND TOM SHANE, THE DEVIL'S TWINS, AND THEIR PAL, SWEN ARE ON THEIR WAY TO JOIN THE ALLIES IN LIBY. AFTER AN ADVENTURE WITH GUERILLA BANDS FIGHTING THE GERMANS IN CRETE /----- COMES THE DAWN -----

BY GOLLY,
WE'VE OVERSHOT
CAIRO BY QUITE A
BIT--WE'RE OUT IN
THE DESERT!

BY YUMPIN' YIMMINY,
DERE BAN BE DE
PYRAMIDS!

HEY, LOOK!
A LONE RIDER WAY
OUT HERE. MEBBE WE
SHOULD INVESTIGATE!

WHY,
IT'S
A GIRL!

SHE'S SHORE
IN A HURRY--
SAY, THAT
LOOKS
LIKE
HELEN!

HELEN?
NO, IT COULDN'T
BE, BUT I'LL
SWING OVER
HER AGAIN TO
MAKE SURE!

BY!
ED SHALLE
#2



A SHORT TIME LATER-

WE'RE SLOWING YOU DOWN A LOT, HELEN!

CHEER UP, BOYS! THERE'S YOUR NEXT STOP, NOW!

PY GOLLY, I BAN SEE DE NAZIS, HEY, POYS, LOOK!

HEY! WAIT FOR ME!

WE'LL NEVER REACH THE PYRAMIDS IN TIME! TRY FOR THE SPHINX - WE MUST GET TO COVER!



THE NAZIS CLOSE IN RAPIDLY -

SPREAD OUT, MEN!

GOOT! VE GOT DEM CORNERED!

DEY'RE GOINK INTO DER SPHINX!

HELEN, YOU AND SWEN TAKE THE HORSES INSIDE. TOM AND I WILL MAKE A STAND HERE!



THEY'VE GOT US FLANKED BY THOSE PAWS. WE BETTER RETREAT!

WHAT IS THIS - THE END OF THE PASSAGE? THEN WE ARE TRAPPED!

SWEN, KEEP THE HORSES STILL! SWEN, DO YOU HEAR ME?

HE'S DISAPPEARED!!

WHEW - I BAN TIRED OUT!





MEANWHILE THE NAZIS HAVE CAUTIOUSLY ENTERED THE SPHINX. I'VE SHALL GO IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, YOU TWO FIRST LIND SEE IF DER COAST IS CLEAR!



OH, VY DIDI HAFF TO HAVE A NAME LIKE ADOLPH!

L-LOOK DERE'S A LIGHT AHEAD!



THE CURSE OF ANCIENT EGYPT IS NOW UPON YOU!



OKAY, TIM LET 'EM HAVE IT!

HELP HE--OOF!



GOLLY THEY ALMOST CAUGHT US UN- PREPARED!

THAT CRY WILL BRING THE REST OF 'EM, EVERYBODY GET SET FOR ACTION!



WHOEVER ENTERS THIS DOOR SHALL DIE A THOUSAND DEATHS.

YOU TWO GO IN DERE UN-

NOT US! THAT PLACE IS HAUNTED.



ALRIGHT D'VE SHALL ALL GO IN! FOLLOW ME.



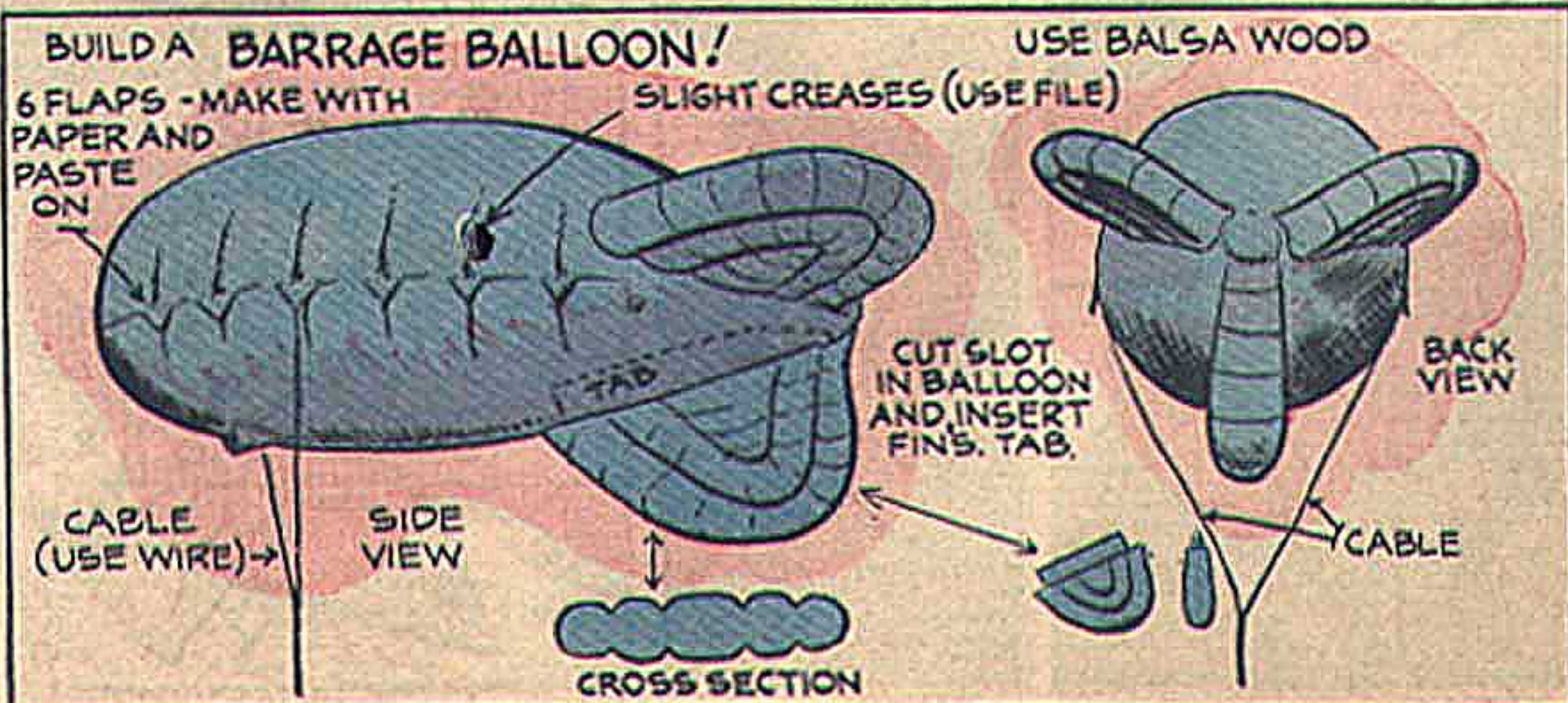
THE NAZIS ENTER THE SECRET CHAMBER

FOOLS! YOU WERE WARNED-NOW YOU SHALL MEET YOUR FATE!

DUNNER VETTER!

VAT IS?





DICKY

IN THE MAGIC FOREST

THE ONLY WAY THE MEDUSA, WHO IS RAVAGING PANDORA, CAN BE DESTROYED, IS BY ITS OWN OFF-SPRING. DICKY HAS GONE TO THE PEAK OF A VERY TREACHEROUS MOUNTAIN, WHERE HE CAN OBTAIN A MEDUSA EGG. AND HE IS ATTACKED BY A HUGE EAGLE!



DON'T FAIL ME NOW MAGIC BOXING GLOVE!



SO LONG EAGLE!



THIS EGG IS THE ONLY
THING THAT CAN SAVE
PANORA!



I DON'T WANT
TO TAKE ANY
CHANCES WITH
IT!



I'D BETTER NOT WASTE
ANY TIME, THE ME-
DUSA'S PROBABLY
WILD!



MEANWHILE THE MEDUSA EN-
RAGED AT THE LOSS OF THE
EGG HAS STARTED ON A
RAMPAGE ----

I'LL DESTROY
EVERYTHING,
AND EVERYBODY
I COME ACROSS!



NO ONE WILL
ESCAPE ME!



RANTING AND RAV-
ING, HE GETS OUT
FOR PANORA.



MEANWHILE

LET'S GO MAGIC
BROOM, NO TIME
TO LOSE!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER

BOY! IS
HE SORE!

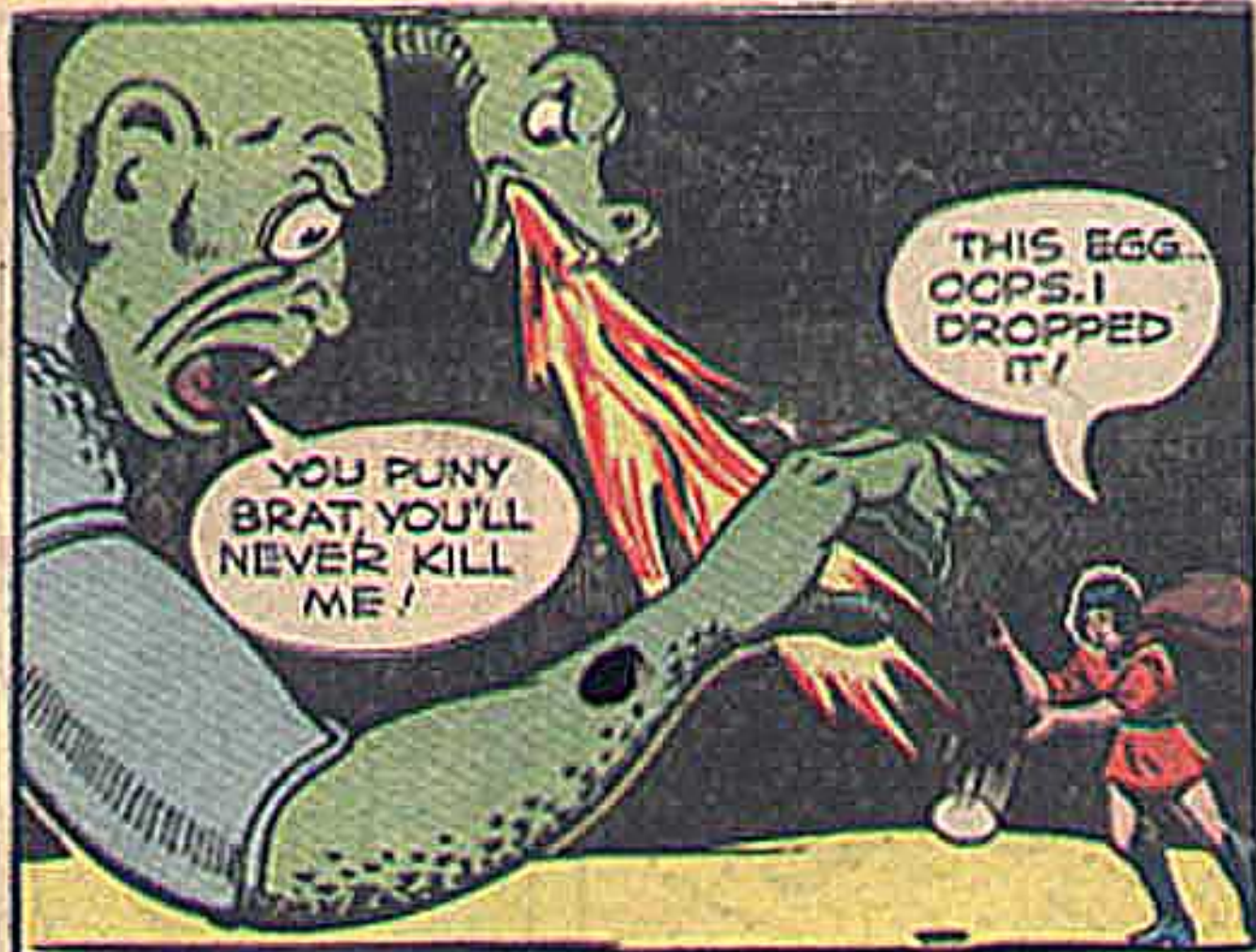


YOU CURSED FOOL!
YOU'LL BE THE FIRST
TO DIE!

WHERE
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
GOING??



YOU'RE THE ONLY THING THAT'S GOING TO DIE AROUND HERE! THIS EGG MEANS YOUR DOOM!



NOW, HE CAN NEVER BE DEFEATED



COME ON YOU UGLY BRUTE, I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU WITH MY MAGIC SWORD!



LOPPING OFF SERPENT AFTER SERPENT, DICKY FIGHTS VALIANTLY-BUT TO NO AVAIL---



SUDDENLY! MY MAGIC CLOCK, WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE?



HERE IT IS!



I'LL SET IT BACK AN HOUR, AND THE EGG WILL REGAIN THE FORM IT HAD AT THE TIME!





MADLY, THE
MEDUSA TRIES
TO KILL ITS
OFFSPRING BE-
FORE IT CAN
GROW ANYMORE,
BUT TO NO
AVAIL!



THE FORCE OF THE MIGHTY ENCOUNTER
CARRIES TO PANORA AND THE
CITY TREMBLES.



AND THE PEOPLE ARE THROWN INTO
PANIC—
IT'S THE END OF THE
WORLD!
AN
EARTHQUAKE!
NO, LOOK!
IT'S THE
MONSTER!



AS THE
MONSTERS
CONTINUE
TO FLAIL
EACH OTHER
MERCILESSLY.



THEY'VE STOPPED
FIGHTING!

THEY'RE
DEAD!
THEY'VE KILLED
EACH OTHER!



THE CROWD RUSHES
TO THE SCENE --

THEN AS THE
DUST CLOUDS
FADE AWAY,
DICKY STEPS
FORTH---

IT'S
DICKY!



THE MONSTER IS DEAD, DICKY!
BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T
BRING BACK OUR CROPS
WHICH HE DESTROYED!

THAT'S
TRUE!



BUT DON'T WORRY-I
CAN TAKE CARE OF
THAT --- YOU WATCH
THIS!



DICKY POURS
THE MAGIC
LIQUID ON
THE DESTROYED
CROPS--



AND IMMEDIATELY
THEY BURST INTO
FULL BLOOM---



WHY, I CAN'T
BELIEVE MY
EYES!

YOU'VE SAVED
PANORA, DICKY!

NOW WE HAVE NO
FEAR OF STARVING!
EVERYTHING IS
ALRIGHT AGAIN!

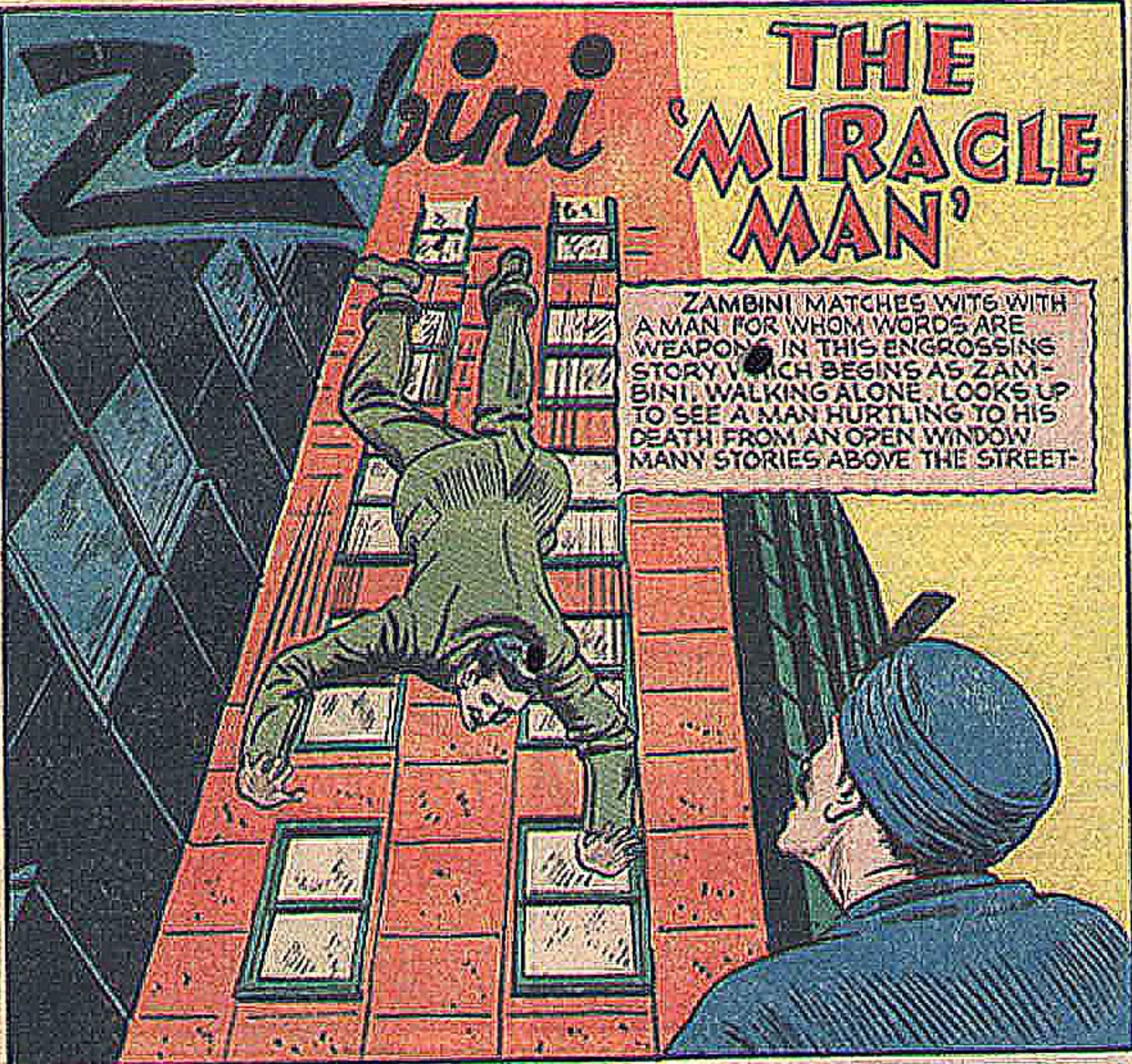


AND SO, ONCE MORE, DUE TO DICKY'S
MAGIC ARTICLES, PEACE, HAPPINESS
AND PROSPERITY RETURN TO PANORA.

Zambini

THE 'MIRACLE MAN'

ZAMBINI MATCHES WITS WITH A MAN FOR WHOM WORDS ARE WEAPONS IN THIS ENGROSSING STORY WHICH BEGINS AS ZAMBINI, WALKING ALONE, LOOKS UP TO SEE A MAN HURLING TO HIS DEATH FROM AN OPEN WINDOW MANY STORIES ABOVE THE STREET.



ZAMBINI RUBS HIS MAGIC BOOMERANGS AMULET--

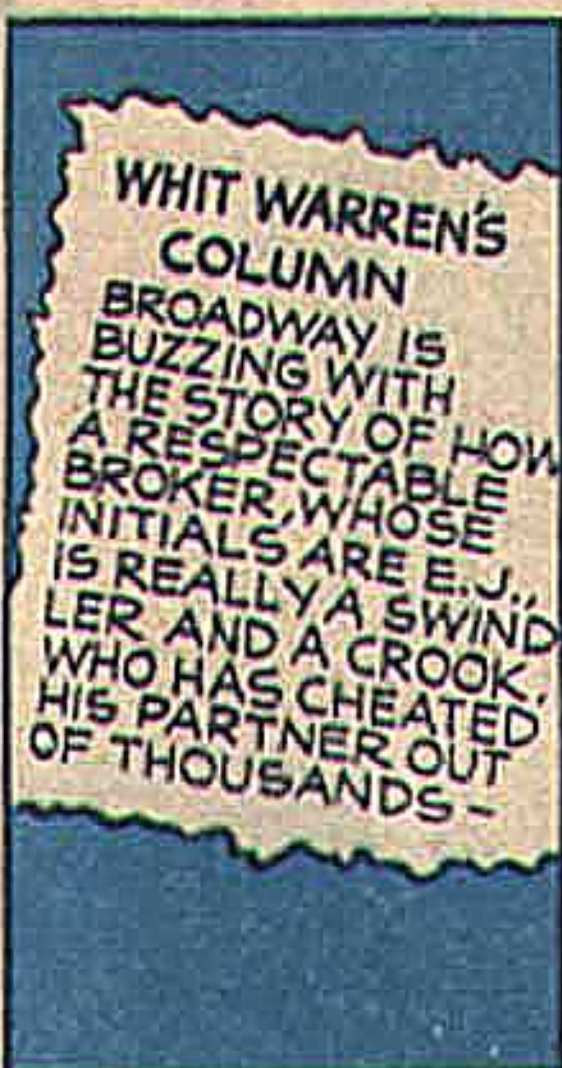


AND THE MAN SUDDENLY FINDS HIS DESCENT CHECKED, REVERSED--



BACK IN MY OWN ROOM-- IT'S--IT'S INCREDIBLE! BUT STRANGE, I'M GLAD TO BE ALIVE!





GOSSIP IS A DOUBLE-EDGED WEAPON, MR. WARREN. I'VE COME TO WARN YOU BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!



YOU HAVE NO FRIENDS—ONLY THOSE WHO ARE AFRAID OF YOU—AND YOU HAVE MADE NUMBERLESS ENEMIES!



FRIENDS? WHY, YOU FOOL, ALL THOSE PEOPLE OUT THERE ARE MY FRIENDS!



HOW DARE YOU COME TO ME WITH SUCH DRIVEL?



GET UP—GET UP AND I'LL KILL YOU!



WHAT'S HAPPENING?



CALL THE POLICE! HE'S DEAD—YOU'VE KILLED HIM, WARREN!



READ ALL ABOUT IT! WHIT WARREN HELD FOR MURDER!



THE COURT WILL COME TO ORDER, IN THE CASE OF THE PEOPLE VERSUS WHIT WARREN!





